

# MISSION MARION

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## From The Missionary's Desk

I love the ocean and I love going to the beach! Summer is here, and when it arrives I begin to get that huge desire to lock up the house and head South. Unfortunately, I'm one of those who usually comes home with an award-winning sunburn. I have such a good time playing and laying around in the surf and sand that I forget to reapply the sunscreen and end up looking like a lobster.



murder and so on after another. People are searching; they just don't know who or what they are searching for. We who know Christ have the answer. In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

We must pray to make it through our storms, pray that others make it through their storms and pray that God will call more laborers into His harvest.

God Bless You Always,

Bro. Keith

Phil. 4:13

One year I walked down to the beach, set up my beach chair, stretched out and just relaxed watching the waves roll to shore. As the waves would retreat, I watched as thousands of tiny pebbles rolled end over end while they glistened in the sun. I picked up one of the pebbles and noticed how it had become perfectly round by the constant movement of the tide. I wondered, could there be a spiritual connection? I began to think about how often our lives are molded and shaped by the pounding of the waves of adversity that rock us.

There is an old hymn that was written in 1873 by a man named Horatio Spafford. He had just received word that his wife and five children had all drowned at sea. The ship they were on had sunk. Though grief-stricken, he managed to write the following words:

"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well, with my soul."

Whenever trials come our way, can we respond in the same way? Is it well with your soul today? Are you drifting aimlessly along? Do you feel like you're lost at sea? Recently I saw a plaque in a boat that said, "O God, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small." God understands that sometimes we lose our way in the rough seas of life, causing us to feel overwhelmed and bewildered. But always remember, God never gives us more than HE can handle.

Listen to 1 Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will with the temptation, make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it. God has thrown out a Life Preserver to all mankind. It comes to us in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ. He is the sure anchor for our souls.

Marion County Baptist Association, we are living in a time that is rocked by one storm, disaster, shooting, war,

## MCBA Mission Trip

Union Chapel Baptist Church  
Beaverton, Alabama  
July 16 - 21

### Planning Meeting Dates:

Monday, June 18, 2018  
Monday, July 9, 2018

All meetings will be held at the  
Association Office, 7:00 p.m.

## Youth Evangelism Conference

August 19, 2018  
Time and Place to be  
announced

Speaker:  
ILLUSIONIST  
Bryan Drake

### Calendar of Events

#### JUNE

- 2 Hines Archery Shoot
- 3 Executive Committee Meeting, MCBA
- 12 Men's Prayer Night, Fulton Bridge
- 17 Father's Day
- 18 Mission Trip Planning Meeting

#### JULY

- 4 Independence Day (Office closed)
- 9 Mission Trip Planning Meeting
- 10 Men's Prayer Night, Shiloh
- 16 - 21 MCBA Mission Trip

#### AUGUST

- 5 Executive Committee Meeting, MCBA
- 14 Men's Prayer Night, Barnesville
- 19 Youth Evangelism Conference